

NEVADA MEDICAID POLICY NEWS

METHADONE CLINIC REIMBURSEMENT

ATTN. PROVIDERS: 17 Specialty Clinics,
20 Physicians

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 15th, 2003

DESCRIPTION: Methadone is a long acting drug from the opioid class that is used to prevent withdrawal symptoms of heroin and other opioids. It is taken orally on a daily basis. Methadone treatment is administered through specialty clinics. Prior authorization is not required for methadone treatment administered through a Nevada Medicaid specialty outpatient clinic provider. This policy will be updated October 1st, 2003.

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Methadone treatment does not require a prior authorization (PA) when administered through a Nevada Medicaid specialty outpatient clinic provider. This treatment does require a physician's order.

**INDICATIONS AND LIMITATIONS OF
COVERAGE:** Methadone is only used for
the prevention of withdrawal symptoms from
heroin or opioids.

COVERED CODES: 304.0 Opioid Type
Dependence, 304.7 Combinations of Opioid
type drug with any other, 305.5 Opioid Abuse.

CODING/BILLING GUIDELINES: To
be billed on a CMS 1500, using the state
devised CPT code 98490 (Methadone,
maintenance, drug only, per day). This is
not a covered service when billed under

CPT Code 99070. Methadone treatment is
submitted to the fiscal agent on a monthly
basis. Provider must indicate the numbers of
days in box 24G of the CMS 1500
(previously known as the HCFA-1500)

**FOR QUESTIONS PERTAINING TO
THIS POLICY CONTACT: Nevada
Medicaid Pharmacy Services at 775-684-
3775.**